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In re application of: Gunji et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/926,299

Examiner: Steadman

Filing Date: October 9, 2001

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1310

For: L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING  
BACTERIUM AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID

VIA FACSIMILE TO: 703 872 9306

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A one-month extension of time, extending the due date for this response to November 23, 2004 is filed herewith. Favorable re-consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Steadman believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted immediately.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

- ☒ Amendment and Request for Reconsideration: 14 pages.  
☒ Petition for Extension of time from the Office Action, mailed July 23, 2004, 1 months to November 23, 2004: 1 pages  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement: pages.  
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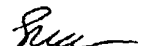
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